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Ex-Agent Blames Kissinger for 'CIA Mismanagement'

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It's tough to say whether the CIA infiltrated a meeting at State University College at Geneseo last night, or whether the National Caucus of Labor Committees infiltrated the meeting, or whether the CIA infiltrated the National Caucus, or . . .

Well, it was just that kind of night.

Victor Marchetti was on campus to talk about privacy, as part of a week-long program on that subject. He really didn't talk about privacy at all; he talked about his recently published book, "CIA and The Cult of Intelligence."

That was all right with the 100 or so students in the hot, crowded little room, since the book is the first one in this country's history to be censored with court sanction. And since Marchetti himself is an ex-CIA agent, having worked for that secrecy-shrouded outfit 14 years.

Near the end of his talk, he was interrupted by two members (from Rochester) of the National Caucus of Labor Committees, who said among other things, Watergate was

CIA-sponsored, the drug culture is CIA caused, and. . . Well, they blamed a lot of things on the CIA.

They also said ex-agent Marchetti, now an embarrassment to the CIA, would soon be erased, poisoned, or otherwise removed.

During it all, ex-agent Marchetti, who admitted that some CIA ex-agents might not be ex-agents at all, but real CIA agents masquerading as ex-agents (if this sounds confusing now, you should have heard it last night), sat in front of the room's fireplace and smoked cigarettes.

One of the National Caucus people, the really loud one, was finally ushered out physically to a round of applause.

Marchetti, CIA agent or not, managed to say a lot about the organization. Nowadays, he said, it is seemingly not difficult at all to convince an "ignorant and gullible public that the CIA and other clandestine agencies are good for the country and serve necessary purposes. I submit the CIA has done little or no good for national security . . . and has served the purposes of power mad-politi-

cians, conniving bureaucrats and sick neurotics."

Much of the mismanagement of these clandestine agencies he said is the direct responsibility of the second most powerful man in the country, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

"The arrogance of Mr. Kissinger is exceeded only by his contempt for the American people and the democratic process," he told the students.

The courts deleted 167 passages from the Marchetti book. One of them, a quote he attributed to Kissinger, follows: "I don't see why we have to sit around and watch a country go communist just because of the ignorance of its own people."

That country was Chile. You remember, he said, what happened when Chile's Allende was overthrown?

When the President was asked if the CIA was involved, he gave us that, "Who, Us?" routine, Marchetti said.

"President Nixon, that poor maligned man who is not a crook, said 'Why we

wouldn't think of interfering in anyone's affairs. That would be wrong,' " he said.

"It seems awful that Henry Kissinger and his friends would overthrow the Allende government while at the same time preparing to make friends with another communist government right next door—Cuba (Marchetti said Kissinger "had great plans for ousting Fidel' Castro too, only the CIA couldn't back it . . .")."

He talked about a group of CIA men who had been dabbling in Latin American politics for years (he wouldn't name them) and how they reached their zenith in Chile. The whole overthrow operation there, he said, was "well planned and well orchestrated."

Besides Chile, Marchetti said the other countries with which the CIA has played "the game of nations" include India, Greece, Brazil, Cuba, Cypress and Vietnam and of those countries, he said, clandestine operations there resulted in political turmoil and resultant coups.